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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR PRIME MINISTER RABIN

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. YOU SHOULD DELIVER IMMEDIATELY THE FOLLOWING LETTER  
FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER RABIN.

2. QUOTE:

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT THE U.S. RECOGNIZES THAT THE  
ISRAEL-EGYPTIAN INTERIM AGREEMENT ENTAILING WITHDRAWAL  
FROM VITAL AREAS IN SINAI CONSTITUTES AN ACT OF GREAT  
SIGNIFICANCE ON ISRAEL'S PART IN THE PURSUIT OF FINAL  
PEACE AND IMPOSES ADDITIONAL HEAVY MILITARY AND ECONOMIC  
BURDENS ON ISRAEL.

I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE U.S. WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT

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TO BE FULLY RESPONSIVE WITHIN THE LIMITS OF ITS RESOURCES

AND CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION ON AN ONGOING AND LONG-TERM BASIS TO ISRAEL'S MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND OTHER DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS AS WELL AS TO ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC AID NEEDS, ALL OF THIS BASED ON THE REQUESTS SUBMITTED BY ISRAEL, JOINT STUDIES AND AGREED STRATEGY, AND PREVIOUS U.S. PRESIDENTIAL UNDERTAKINGS.

THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION WILL SUBMIT ANNUALLY FOR APPROVAL BY THE U.S. CONGRESS A REQUEST FOR MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO HELP PROVIDE FOR ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC AND MILITARY NEEDS.

REALIZING, AS I DO, THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT TO THE MIDDLE EASTERN SITUATION AS A WHOLE, THE U.S. WILL MAKE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT TO ASSIST IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH THE AGREEMENT WILL BE OBSERVED WITHOUT BEING SUBJECTED TO PRESSURES OR DEADLINES.

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP EXISTING BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ISRAEL AND THE DESIRE TO AVOID A SITUATION IN WHICH THE U.S. WOULD BE PUTTING FORWARD PROPOSALS RELATING TO AN OVERALL PEACE SETTLEMENT, WHICH ISRAEL WOULD CONSIDER UNSATISFACTORY, THE U.S. WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL ON THE MODALITIES, NATURE AND SUBSTANCE OF SUCH PROPOSALS.

THE U.S. WILL SUPPORT THE POSITION THAT AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT WITH SYRIA IN THE FRAMEWORK OF A PEACE AGREEMENT MUST INCLUDE EFFECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS TO ASSURE ISRAEL'S SECURITY FROM ATTACK FROM THE GOLAN HEIGHTS. THE U.S. GIVES GREAT WEIGHT TO ISRAEL'S VIEW THAT ANY PEACE AGREEMENT WITH SYRIA MUST BE PREDICATED ON ISRAEL REMAINING ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS. THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT THIS POSITION IF OTHER ARRANGEMENTS WHICH MIGHT PROVE FEASIBLE ARE NOT, IN THE U.S. JUDGMENT, EFFECTIVE IN PROTECTING ISRAEL'S SURVIVAL AND SECURITY.

SINCERELY,

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